

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

2/6/2015

This newsletter is available weekly and previous issues are available at <http://lam.alaska.gov/fridaybulletin>.

Submissions for the Friday Bulletin should be sent to linda.thibodeau@alaska.gov and may be edited for content and length if used.

Contents:

NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

WELCOME KAREN GRAY, NEW RECORDS MANAGER

THE FY2015 E-RATE FILING WINDOW IS OPEN UNTIL MARCH 26, 2015

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

STOLEN ART ALERT! ARTIFACTS REMOVED FROM BETHEL

CRAIG PUBLIC LIBRARY PRINTS COOKIE CUTTERS

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 NATIVE AMERICAN LIBRARY SERVICES BASIC GRANTS APPLICATION

LEGISLATION EMAIL ALERTS FROM CONGRESS.GOV

AMERICANS IN STAMPS: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

NET NEUTRALITY AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

WELCOME KAREN GRAY, NEW RECORDS MANAGER

After a 13 year absence, Karen Gray has returned to the Alaska State Archives, this time as the State Records Manager. While away from Alaska, Karen worked as a Records Analyst in the Arizona State Archives and Records Management from 2004 until this past January. Her background includes work in museums, archives and records management for non-profit organizations, corporations and state governments. Prior to 2004, Karen worked several positions within our Division: she worked in the Library's Technical Services, was occasionally loaned to the State Museum exhibitions folks, and did paper repairs with the conservator in Historical Collections before settling into the State Archives. At the State Archives she did research, processing, special projects, and created finding aids.

Karen graduated from Hood College in 1988 with a BA in Art History, did some post graduate work in Medieval Art History at Johns Hopkins University, and has been working with historic objects and records ever since. Since beginning her career working with Medieval illuminated manuscripts at a

museum housing ancient cylinder seals, rare books and incunabula, she has worked her way forward in time to tackle the issues of paper, microforms and electronic records, hoping to help preserve information and records for future generations to come.

While Karen is thrilled to be working in Alaska again, she told us that she forgot what it was like to have frozen eyelashes. A far cry from burning to a crisp and staying hydrated as soon as you walk out the door.

THE FY2015 E-RATE FILING WINDOW IS OPEN UNTIL MARCH 26, 2015

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is currently receiving applications (Form 471) for USF/E-rate support for library phone & Internet bills, as well as Internal Connections, Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections, and Managed Broadband Services. The deadline for submitting these applications is March 26, but the application for new services can be submitted any time after a 28 day waiting period that begins with filing the procurement Form 470 (which solicits bids). Applications should be made online and the USAC portal for online applications is: <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/menu.asp>

Valerie Oliver and Lynn Hallquist are available at the Alaska State Library to answer questions as you navigate this application process. erate@alaska.gov will connect you with Valerie and Lynn at the Alaska State Library. They also offer period webinar assistance on how to successfully file for E-rate. Additional guidance can be found on the Alaska State Library E-rate webpage at http://www.library.state.ak.us/erate/erate_home.html

E-rate funding can mean 60-90% discounts on your Phone and Internet monthly bills, as well as a budget for infrastructure upgrades necessary to keep your internal network function for your staff and patrons. The budget can even be used to maintain that network for you. You also can receive assistance directly from USAC either from their informative website <http://www.usac.org/sl/default.aspx> or from their help desk 1-888-203-8100.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

STOLEN ART ALERT! ARTIFACTS REMOVED FROM BETHEL

The pieces pictured below were stolen from display cases at the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) in Bethel:



More detailed subscriptions can be found at <http://kyuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Stolen-Artifacts-Tabloid.pdf>

If you have any information about this robbery or see any of the items above, please contact the Bethel Police Department at (907) 543-3781.

CRAIG PUBLIC LIBRARY PRINTS COOKIE CUTTERS

After hearing about the website [Cookie Caster](#), the Craig Public Library fired up their Airwolf 3D printer and came up with the following specialty cookie cutters:

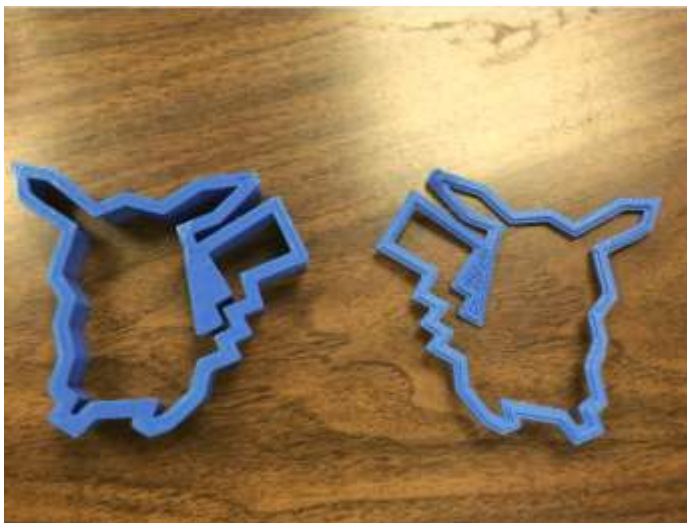


Figure 1: From Amy Marshall: : This was designed and made by a 9 year old boy who is solidly on the Autism Spectrum. Talk about an AWESOME experience for this kid (and me). ^__^

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 NATIVE AMERICAN LIBRARY SERVICES BASIC GRANTS APPLICATION

The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has issued a notice of funding opportunity for the [2015 Native American Library Services Basic Grant](#). Applications are due 4/1/2015.

The following members of the IMLS staff are available by phone and e-mail to discuss general issues relating to these grants:

James Lonergan, Senior Program Officer
202-653-4653

Mary Alice Ball, Senior Program Officer
202-653-4730

E-mail: NALSHelp@imls.gov

For additional information and notice of a 2/17/2015 webinar on these grants, visit the grant announcement at http://www.imls.gov/notice_of_funding_opportunity_2015_native_american_library_services_basic_grants.aspx

LEGISLATION EMAIL ALERTS FROM CONGRESS.GOV

Congress has made it easier to track their official activities, according to a new Library of Congress blog post titled [Legislation Email Alerts on Congress.gov](#) posted on 2/5/2015:

Moving from a [20-year-old system](#) to our new, modern [Congress.gov](#) platform has many advantages. One of these is that, starting today, email alerts are available on Congress.gov. There are three different types of alerts in this initial release: Member of Congress, legislation, and the Congressional Record. Bill and member alerts were an often-requested feature on THOMAS and I'm excited that we are now able to fulfill those requests in the new system.

You can now get an email alert letting you know that a specific [Member of Congress](#) (from the current Congress) has either sponsored or cosponsored legislation. There will be up to one email a day that links to new sponsored and cosponsored bills.

For details on the other alerts and how to sign up for them, check out the [full blog post](#).

AMERICANS IN STAMPS: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Carlos Diaz, a government document librarian in Washington state, has created a new web resource called Americans in Stamps. This resource is available at <http://hotopics.askcarlos.com/poster-series/americans-in-stamps-poster-series.html> and currently features stamp centric posters celebrating Black History Month.

NET NEUTRALITY AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Urban Libraries Council has posted a four page briefing paper titled [Libraries and Net Neutrality](#). Much of this information will be relevant to archives and museums as well – especially those that serve up content of their own like the institutions in [Alaska's Digital Archives](#) or who manage digital repositories.

Here's an excerpt from the briefing paper that describes what is at stake for public libraries:

How Net Neutrality Relates to Public Libraries

Libraries are at the center of Internet access and use for many patrons. In much the same way as libraries operate, net neutrality has allowed equal access to online services and information, regardless of purpose or affiliation, paving the way for a wave of technologies that have revolutionized daily life and reshaped the global economy.

For many, access to the vital resources that the Internet provides is available only through the public library which provides free high-speed Internet access to anyone who needs it. In today's world, this access is essential to meeting basic needs such as searching for jobs and housing, accessing human services, and staying connected to friends, colleagues, and other resources.

The cost of providing Internet access and equipment can be a substantial expense within a public library's budget. Also at stake is an important underlying principle about how libraries serve communities into the future. If libraries cannot provide consistently fast Internet access, current and future relevance and credibility will diminish rapidly. Public libraries have long been about democratizing information. If what libraries are able to provide patrons is of lesser quality, it fundamentally undermines that role.

If you're still unclear on net neutrality and what it might mean for your library, feel free to contact Daniel Cornwall, Internet and Technology Consultant for the Alaska State Library at Daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov.

FRIDAY BULLETIN

Linda Thibodeau, State Librarian and Director

Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums - Alaska Department of Education and Early Development
PO 110571, Juneau, AK 99811-0571 - Tel: 465-2911 - Fax: 465-2151 - linda.thibodeau@alaska.gov